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J. Willard Adams

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Elegant line of FLANNELS, OUTINGS, WORSTED DRESS GOODS AND FLANNELS. Prices cut way down. CASSIMERS AND KERSEYS to go. LADIES' CAPES and CLOAKS to be sold regardless of cost.

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Take advantage of this offer and come at once.

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I am the sole agent here of the celebrated APPLEWOOD WHISKY. I also keep all grades of Whiskey, from \$1.00 up to \$4.00 per gallon. King Lettuce, Whiskey, at Best in the world. APPLE BRANDIES from \$2.00 to \$4.00. A full stock of Corned Potomac Herring on hand. Consult your interest by calling on me before buying or making your purchases.

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My stock of Liquors is large, consisting of Foreign and Domestic BRANDIES, Pure Applewood and Farmers' Friend Pure Rye Whiskey, \$2 a gallon.

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Commerce St., Fredericksburg, V.

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One Price, Reliable Liquor and Tobacco House.

Highest prices paid for Furs.

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KING GEORGE.

Remarkable Twins Cattle Dying From a Disease Supposed to be Blackleg. Personal Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Comorn, Va., March 9th, 1900.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shelton, who reside in the upper part of this county, will have the distinction this spring of giving the census enumerator a "family record" remarkably different from that given by any other parents in Virginia. Two children were recently born to Mr. and Mrs. Shelton, and one of them is eight days older than the other.

Mr. Michael Wallace, of this neighborhood, who has been in business in the National Capital City for some time, is spending a few days with his parents here.

Miss S. J. Parks left her home here Wednesday for Washington, where she will visit relatives.

Miss Ella Billingsley returned this week to her home, near King George Court-house, after spending some weeks in Washington, D. C.

Mr. Ab. McCarty, of the Igo neighborhood, has moved, together with his family, to the District of Columbia, where he expects to reside hereafter.

Mr. L. M. Grigsby, a highly esteemed citizen of this county, is under special medical treatment in a Washington hospital. It is hoped that he will be restored to health and returned to King George at an early day.

The attention of the United States Department of Agriculture has very recently been called to the fact that hundreds of dollars worth of cattle have died in this county of what is supposed to be "blackleg," or "black quarter," and was a week ago urgently requested to send an inspector here to examine an animal, which had just died on the farm of Mr. Frank Taylor—whom, by the way, was the eighth animal lost by Mr. Taylor in the past 12 months. Secretary Wilson was prompt to reply by telegram that the inspector was not available, and suggested that the State veterinarian be notified. As the "blackleg" seems to be increasing, and the fatal disease already one of the most serious questions of the present time to farmers, would it not be well for all owners of cattle to vaccinate their young animals as early as possible? Dr. D. E. Salmon, chief of Bureau of Animal Industry, U. S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, will, most likely, furnish blackleg vaccine, and all necessary information on the subject, if proper application is made to him. It appears from records that calves under 5 or 6 months old, and animals over 2½ years old, are rarely affected by this disease, so that it is not difficult for stock-owners to determine what animals to vaccinate.

Sugar Beet Estimates—Dogs vs. Sheep—Personalities, Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Comorn, Va., March 10th, 1900.

The King George farmers have, from the inception of the scheme, manifested a deep interest in the sugar beet factory at Fredericksburg, and a good many of them have investigated the subject in all its bearings. It was hoped that the scheme would materialize, and that the new enterprise would enable the farmer to realize something for his labor and profits from his land.

But, since "figuring" on the cost of production, the capacity of the soil per acre, the expense of marketing, etc., many have arrived at the conclusion that the prices to be paid by the factory do not justify them in attempting to raise Sugar beets this distance from the factory. It will cost at least \$1.50 to \$2.00 per ton to haul or freight beets from the factory to Fredericksburg. Not less than \$2.00 will buy enough good reliable fertilizer for one acre. In other words, it is calculated, by the most conservative men here, that the two items—fertilizer and conveying to market—cannot cost less than \$2.30 per ton, and that the labor and other items of cost will amount to \$1.50 to \$2.00, making a total cost of at least \$3.80 to \$4.00 per ton to raise and carry beets to the factory—i. e., from King George, except perhaps the extreme upper part of the county. This conclusion has been reached with the greatest reluctance and regret, the farmers having fixed their hopes upon the beet-sugar enterprise as a god-send, to pull them out of the "straits" caused by the low prices of grain.

Mr. W. H. Baxter, who was thrown from his wagon, the past winter, and painfully hurt, is beginning to improve somewhat. He has been helpless since the accident, and has not yet recovered the use of his hands and arms, but is now able to move about, and it is hoped that the injuries to his hands and wrists will not prove permanent.

Mr. G. W. Sorrell, who has been spending some time seeing after his farm here, returned to his home in Washington, last week.

It is reported that the condition of Capt. William Johnson, of Mathias Point, who has been ill for some time, is more unfavorable.

There was an Oyster supper and "Social" at Montague chapel on Tuesday night, a week ago, for the benefit of the church.

The deep mud in the roads has caused a suspension of all heavy hauling for some days past.

Dogs, those indispensable (?) "domestic animals" which escape legisla-

tion and remain on the "free list,"

continue, in their interrupted course, to slaughter the sheep. The indications are that sheep-raising in King George must some day give place to dog-raising. The two "Enterprises" are so at variance with each other—one so antagonistic to the other—that both cannot be successfully and satisfactorily continued in so small a territory. If 1,000 or 1,200 curs are more essential and conducive to the material progress and prosperity of the county, and to the comfort and happiness of the people, than is sheep-husbandry, of course the farmers should abandon sheep and surrender the "field" to the curs—which, in simple truth, are the common cause and crowning nuisance to the rural districts of Virginia.

Mrs. Jennie Montjoy has returned to her home here, after spending the winter in Washington.

Mrs. Dr. Rice, of this neighborhood, has been quite sick for some days past.

LANCASTER.

Marriage Rev. Mr. Street Resigns His Charge—Drowning of Mr. Robertson—Other Notes.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Lancaster, Va., March 5, 1900.

Last night at Rebooth Methodist church, which was beautifully decorated for the occasion, Mr. Raleigh J. Talley, one of Lancaster's popular young business men, led Miss Margaret L. Bean to the hymenal altar. Miss Bean is a most interesting and accomplished young lady with a great circle of friends, hence a good audience was present. Rev. J. O. Babcock, pastor of the church, officiated in his happiest manner.

Last Sunday after preaching at Lebanon Baptist church, Rev. W. A. Street, the venerable and beloved pastor, tendered his resignation to take effect in May. Mr. Street is in feeble health and not able to have the care of the churches.

The drowning last week of Mr. Harry O. Robertson, near his father's home at Sampson's wharf, in Wicomico river, while rafting logs, was indeed sad, and has cast a gloom over this section; a most popular and upright young man than he would be hard to find. He was a fine business man and just in the prime of life, when without moments warning he was ushered into eternity. But he was fully prepared to go. Fifteen years ago under an arbor at Edgely Methodist church (of which he was an officer), he gave his heart to God and now his body rests just at that spot.

Rev. J. O. Babcock, his pastor, preached his funeral to an immense congregation. The bereaved home has the sympathy of the entire community.

Our deep water fishermen have about finished putting down their traps and are hopeful for a good season. Some fine shad have already been caught.

Rev. Dr. Filippo is in the county on a lecturing tour and assisting Rev. F. W. Claybrook.

Effort is being made to have a post-office established at White Marsh and also at Ball's creek, in this county.

Radiator.

How's This.

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. We, the undersigned, have known E. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions, and financially able to carry out any obligation made by him by his firm.

W. & T. HALL, Wholesale Druggists, Topeka, Kansas & MARTIN, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Price 50c. per bottle. Sold by all druggists. Testimonials free. Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Commissioner Kolner, of the Department of Agriculture, has received a number of inquiries for Virginia lands from men in the North. A New York man wishes to purchase a tract of fuller's earth, or to contract to have it shipped North. Another New York man inquired concerning barytes, desiring to purchase land containing deposits of the mineral. The Commissioner regrets the failure of the Legislature to pass the bill giving the department authority to use the income from the tax on fertilizers for any purpose of the department. The act imposing the tax allows the income therefrom to be applied only to a restricted number of objects for which the department was created. The need of a fund for advertising purposes is very keenly felt by Mr. Kolner.

The late Dr. Leslie E. Keely, the "gold cure" man, had Shakespeare and the Bible almost at his tongue's end. He was an eloquent and entertaining talker and a man of great charity. He is believed to have spent \$30,000 in helping poor men who went to him to take the drink cure and had no money to pay.

No Right To Ugliness.

The woman who is lovely in face, form and temper will always have friends, but one who would be attractive must keep her health. If she is weak, stilly and all run down, she will be nervous and irritable. If she has constipation or kidney trouble, her impure blood will cause pimples, blotches, skin eruptions and a wretched complexion. Electric Bitters is the best medicine in the world to regulate stomach, liver and kidneys and to purify the blood. It gives strong nerves, bright eyes, smooth, rosy skin, rich complexion. It will make a good looking, charming woman of a run-down invalid. Only 50 cents at M. M. Lewis Drug Store.

CURRENT TOPICS.

The Allison Republican Club colored of Alexandria, indorse Mr. Agnew's course in state and local party management.

Five ships, with a capacity of 30,000 tons, have been chartered by the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad to load coal at Newport News for foreign countries.

Within the past week another new rapid-fire battery has been started at Fort Monroe and when completed will command the approach to Newport News, Richmond, Norfolk and Portsmouth.

The crop of contests before the Republican National Convention promises to be as large as ever. The game has scarcely begun, and there are already two on the list from the District of Columbia and Texas.

The colored delegates from the South, who, it is said, have always profited so largely in a pecuniary sense from dealing first with one and then with another manager of aspirants for the nomination, will find it rather different this time.

The Stonewall Jackson Camp, Confederate Veterans, at Staunton, have taken steps for the removal of the 92 Confederate soldiers buried below town to the cemetery, where many hundreds are buried, and a monument erected to the "Confederate soldiers."

The big duck ranch at Riverton has been sold to a Winchester capitalist. The ranch has nearly 1,000 breeding birds in the yards and 50 large incubators are used to do the hatching. Large hatches are coming off now, and it is expected that 15,000 ducklings will be sent to market this season.

The Republican State Convention, of Georgia, decided to place a full State ticket in the field, and the State Central Committee was empowered to make the nominations within the next sixty days. The delegates-at-large to the national convention are all colored with one exception.

There is a rush of immigration to this country. The Locusts, which arrived in New York this week, brought 300, the Pretoria 1,013, the Chateau Yquem 400, La Champagne 513 and the Spartan Prince 383, a total of 3,323. All were landed at the Barge Office. There are 13,000 steerage passengers expected during the week.

The Warrenton Hunt Club has decided to have the point-to-point steeplechase on Saturday, March 31st, instead of on Easter Monday, as usual, so that it will not conflict with the Hunt Club's steeplechase at Benning, in Washington. There will be the usual \$5 entrance fee for the light and heavy-weight races, and \$2.50 for the farmers' race, with \$3.50 and added by the Hunt Club.

Colonel Jack Chinn, the turfman and politician of Kentucky, who was with Democratic Governor William Goebel when he was assassinated, has filed a suit for libel against Mrs. Kate M. Banta, wife of a merchant of Frankfort. It is charged that Mrs. Banta declared that she saw Chinn "shoot Goebel from behind," and by this libelous declaration, Col. Chinn claims, he has been damaged in the sum of \$5,000.

Mr. Zerega, of Aldie, Loudoun county, Virginia, was at the Capitol today, trying to have a geological survey made of that region by this government. He is a pronounced Republican and says Mr. McKinley is the best President the country has had in years. He says he has been asked to accept the Congressional nomination in his district and is holding the matter under consideration.

—Wash. Corr. Alex. Gazette, Thursday.

Not long ago a public man who had been made the central figure in a rather outlandish cartoon complained to Mark Hanna about the illustration, saying that he was half inclined to sue the paper for \$25,000 damages for holding him up to public ridicule. "I wish you would," said Senator Hanna; "if you can get \$25,000 for that picture it will insure my getting about \$25,000,000 for all the cartoons that have been printed about me."

An engagement just announced that has caused a considerable stir in the social circles of this county, is that of Mrs. Charrington and Mr. E. Astley Cooper. Mrs. Charrington was Miss Mary H. Randolph, of Clarke, and is well-known in this county and in England for her beauty and dignity. Mr. Cooper is the most popular member of the English colony here. The marriage will take place in London in August and the couple will return to this country early in September.

One of the most unique laws ever passed in Winchester provides for the extermination of mosquitoes. Ten years ago no mosquitoes existed in this city but now the town is infested with them. The City Council passed a law requiring every property holder under the supervision of the police, to pour kerosene oil on every open pool, sink or drain and that every open rain barrel shall have the spigot at the bottom of the barrel. This will be done at least once a month. The law is the result of experiments made by the United States government, and is the only known method of thoroughly exterminating mosquitoes. The kerosene oil kills the germ of the mosquitoes, which is deposited by the female on the surface of pools and sinks.

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ABSOLUTELY PURE
Makes the food more delicious and wholesome
ROYAL BAKING POWDER CO., NEW YORK.

WESTMORELAND.

The New Court House—Schools Closing, Etc., Etc.

(Correspondence of The Free Lance.)

Montross, Va., March 9th, 1900.

In a very short time work on the new court-house and clerk's office at Montross will begin. The plan selected by the Board of Supervisors, calls for a court-house and clerk's office under same roof, iron finish and fire proof. The court room, a large one, will be on the second floor. Adjoining this room will be the clerk's office. The lower floor will be occupied by various rooms, such as jury rooms, commissioner's and treasurer's office, etc., it will take some months to complete the building, but when finished it will probably be the handsomest and most convenient court-house in the Neck, and will settle for all coming time the once much-talked-of question of moving the county seat.

Last Tuesday the body of an unknown colored man was washed ashore on the Potomac near Stratford Cliff. Nothing was found on his person to indicate his identity. An inquest was held and the remains interred above high water mark.

Some of our citizens are much concerned over the opinions rendered by noted legal men as to the fence law.

Miss Connie Hunt and Miss Ella Harris, of Montross, who spent the winter with friends in Washington, will return Monday.

Farm work is behind, rendered so by the protracted wet weather of February. Most of the public schools will complete the term in 15 days. It is said the attendance during the term was better than any previous term in this county.

The cases of the State of Maryland against the Hagerstown Fair Association for gambling on the fair grounds were tried last week. Constable Boward swore he saw lots of old farmers losing money at the games, which included a wheel of fortune and umbrella games.

Mr. George H. Hager, privilege clerk of the fair, testified that he awarded no concessions to gamblers, and if any gambling was done during the fairs of 1897 and 1898 it was without the consent and knowledge of the association. He said where the association's attention had been called to fakirs who were conducting gambling games the operators were ordered off. Last fall at the fair, he said, \$750 which was paid for space on the grounds had been returned to fakirs because of such rules.

The judges found the association guilty on the sixth count of knowingly permitting gambling, and not guilty on all other counts. There were seven counts to the indictment.

What to Do Until the Doctor Arrives. It is very hard to stand idly by and see our dear ones suffer while awaiting the arrival of the doctor. An Albany, N. Y. physician called at a drug store there for a doctor to come and see his child, then very sick with croup. Not finding the doctor in, he left word for him to come at once on his return. He also bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which he hoped would give some relief until the doctor should arrive. In a few hours he returned, saying the doctor need not come, as the child was much better. The druggist, Mr. Otto Scholz, says the family has since recommended Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to their neighbors and friends until he has a constant demand for it from that part of the country. For sale by M. M. Lewis, Druggist.

A decree is being asked in the United States Circuit Court for the Eastern District of Virginia for the sale of "Berkely," the celebrated hois of the Harrisons for many generations, in Charles City county. The ancient estate is burdened with three mortgages, aggregating a large sum.

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